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2. The proposed organization of the standardized columns is as follows:

The total strength of a column will be 15,000 troops.

Each column will be composed of three brigades, each brigade containing about 4500 troops.

Each brigade will have three regiments.

Each regiment will have three battalions.

Each battalion will contain one heavy weapons company and three infantry companies.

Each heavy weapons company will be equipped with three heavy machine guns and two trench mortars.

Each company will contain three platoons each having six light machine guns.

Each platoon will have four squads, consisting of 12 men each.

Each column will be directly supported by an artillery battalion equipped with five or six field guns.

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